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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Smith et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/940,264

FILED: August 27, 2001

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTROSTATIC
DISPENSING OF MICRODROPLETS

EXAMINER: Gordon, Brian

ART UNIT: 1743

CONFIRMATION NO. 4539

Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time

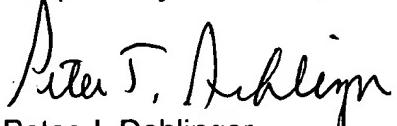
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated March 17, 2004, extending the period for response to July 17, 2004.

- Fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)): Small Entity: \$55.00
 - Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55.00 covering the fee due.
- Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
- Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment for timely consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,



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